



**SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
BOND TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Stage 2
7380 E. Second Street,
Scottsdale, AZ
November 7, 2012**

Call to Order/Roll Call - 5:01 p.m.

Present: Judy Frost, Vice Chair; Wayne Ecton; Abigail Hoover (arrived 5:12 p.m.); Bob Kammerle; Teresa Kim Quale

Absent: Bill Heckman, Chairman; Sue Sisley

1. Approval of October 17, 2012 Summarized Meeting Minutes from the 2013 Bond Task Force

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting by Wayne Ecton. 2nd Teresa Kim Quale.

Approved 4:0

(Chairman Heckman and Sue Sisley were absent. Abigail Hoover arrived later.)

2. Presentation and discussion of the Community Services Division –*Staff*

Derek Earle noted that the Task Force has previously seen this proposed project and that Tim Bray would present it from the perspective of one possible user of the expansion. Speaking on behalf of Neighborhood Outreach Action for Health (NOAH), Tim Bray described the expanded services NOAH now plans to offer. The existing facilities at the Paiute Center house eight different service agencies in a 50-year-old building of approximately 1,200 square feet. He stressed that the health services will be available to the whole community.

A Task Force Member inquired about the size of the proposed new building. Tim Bray said it would be approximately 22,700 square feet. The plan is for NOAH to share the new premises with the other social service agencies and include some other organizations that are looking for space. The estimated cost of the two-story building is \$7.7 million. NOAH and

other users would pay the operating costs and provide their own specialized equipment. Bill Peifer explained that the City would provide the shell of the building and any furniture or equipment needed for City functions in the space.

Another Task Force Member asked about NOAH's budget. Tim Bray replied that NOAH is now eligible for more funding than in the past, and charges fees on a sliding scale. This income would be adequate to cover the operating costs for the expanded services.

Derek Earle clarified that any user wanting space in the facility would have to respond to a City issued RFP. If this proposal goes ahead, the City would have to build it and find tenants. He acknowledged that NOAH is a likely tenant.

A Task Force Member noted that although the plans they have seen for the building are attractive, it could be problematic to approve one building when there is no site plan. Derek Earle said that the Community Services Division recognizes that the Center needs an updated master plan. This would be undertaken before the final expansion plans are approved. There is no current funding for the master plan, but this is a small campus. The Task Force Member said this answer puts the proposal into perspective.

Tim Bray said the plans demonstrate what could be done at this location.

No members of the public wished to address the Task Force on this item.

3. Presentation and discussion of the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve capital needs – *Staff*

Kroy Ekblaw presented the capital needs of the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve. A need for expanded parking facilities at Pinnacle Peak has been identified as the recent expansion of the parking lot is still insufficient. The proposal is to acquire approximately two to three acres of State Trust land which could accommodate over 200 more parking stalls.

A Task Force Member asked if parking along the road, which is a dead end, is a traffic hazard. Kroy Ekblaw said the area of the proposed project is on State Trust land. In the past there have been some development proposals. If this land were to be developed, on street parking could be eliminated, and at the same time the land itself would be unavailable for parking.

Vice Chair Frost said the roadside parking at this site is dangerous, especially for children. Kroy Ekblaw agreed, adding that this is currently an inconvenience to the neighborhood. The goal of the Preserve has always been to avoid impacts on neighborhoods. Vice-Chair Frost asked for an estimated cost of acquiring the land.

Kroy Ekblaw said the land would have to be appraised. Four years ago it was valued at \$1 million per acre. Staff expects that the value today is significantly less.

A Task Force Member asked about the land. Kroy Ekblaw confirmed that this land is generally flat so they could work with the terrain to install the parking. Recent improvements have improved the traffic flow.

No members of the public wished to address the Task Force on this item.

Kroy Ekblaw discussed proposed trailhead locations in the northern area of the Preserve. He noted that visits to the Preserve are increasing as trailheads are added. The plan has always been to provide many access points so that no one trailhead, trail or neighborhood would be overburdened. Ten square miles of land in the northern area will be offered at an upcoming State Trust land auction. This is significant because acquiring it would connect the entire Preserve to the Tonto National Forest. Over the last three years the City has acquired 6,800 acres in the northern area, hence the need for more trailheads there.

Kroy Ekblaw noted that the extreme northwestern portion of the Preserve has no parking or access point, noting that the proposed facilities will be less elaborate than in the south, consisting of parking for cars and equestrian trailers, and restrooms. Staff is considering whether one or two access points should be provided to Granite Mountain. One area to the south of Granite Mountain under the power lines is scheduled for installation of a gravel parking lot, as a dust control measure. Because of the rock climbing possibilities on both sides of the mountain, it might be good to build another trailhead north of the mountain. The third potential location is at Fraesfield. Again for dust control there are plans for a minimal gravel parking area. Later on bond funding might be used to upgrade the facilities and pave the lot. The Fraesfield lot has some value to tourism since this is on one route to Rio Verde.

A Task Force Member asked for a cost estimate. Kroy Ekblaw said the land acquisition is part of the Preserve tax which has already been approved. He estimated the cost of constructing the proposed trailheads at just under \$10 million.

Another Task Force Member inquired about current usage in this area and whether those users are Scottsdale residents. Kroy Ekblaw noted that dirt roads were established by the two power corridors. A network of trails has sprung up used by equestrians, mountain bikers, motorcycles, and quads. Due to EPA and State air quality restrictions motorcycles and quads are no longer allowed on the land; however this use continues despite measures taken to stop it. This season 20 to 30 miles of trails are to be established in the area of Brown's Ranch and other trailheads. Staff does not have exact user counts. The highest number of users are from Scottsdale, but many tourists also log in.

No members of the public wished to address the Task Force on this item.

**4. Presentation and discussion of the Desert Discovery Center capital needs –
Staff**

Kroy Ekblaw described the deliberations and recommendations of the Desert Discovery Center Phase III Feasibility Committee. Council directed staff across several departments to move forward with a team to support the recommendations. Staff is currently in the processing of issuing an RFQ/RFP. The RFQ deadline is the end of November. Kroy Ekblaw displayed some conceptual site plans and drawings and stressed that the Committee's recommendation was that the City provide up to \$50 million and the private operator would provide the remaining estimated \$24 million through fundraising.

In response to a question from a Task Force Member, Kroy Ekblaw confirmed there have been no substantial changes to the concept since last time it was presented to the Task Force.

Vice Chair Frost inquired as to the position of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. Kroy Ekblaw said during Phase II, both the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and the Tourism Development Commission were involved. The Tourism Development Commission supported the concept. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission recommended support subject to some additional steps. City Council chose not to act upon the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission's recommendation for additional steps and Phase 3 went forward without either Commission being specifically involved. The Phase 3 Feasibility Committee reported directly to City Council. He elaborated that the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission has expressed concerns about what its role would be in the future.

A Task Force Member commented that potential operators may have very different concepts and the plans for the building may very well change. Kroy Ekblaw said if the RFQ process leads to viable proposals, an RFP would be issued. Staff expects to report to City Council in January or February 2013.

A Task Force Member inquired about the planning history of the DDC and how much has already been spent on planning it. Kroy Ekblaw recalled an original proposal in 1985. In the late 1990's the idea of establishing the DDC in the preserve near the Gateway Trailhead emerged. Less than \$50,000 of City bed tax plus some private dollars funded Phase I of the study. Phase II spent \$480,000 of Preserve tax money. The City has spent less than \$60,000 in the last year on Phase III. He summarized that the City has spent around \$600,000 specifically on the DDC.

Another Task Force Member commented that timing is critical with respect to the Desert Discovery Center. The Bond Task Force will submit its recommendations to City Council in February. He would want to send firm recommendations at that time.

Kroy Ekblaw said the Desert Discovery Center is unique and the Task Force might want to forward its recommendations on the other projects and allow Council to reach its own decision about the DDC. Derek Earle said if the proposal is not fully developed, the Task Force might choose to make a statement indicating whether it endorses the project based on the detail available.

A Task Force Member asked about the economic impact of the DDC. Kroy Ekblaw directed them to the Phase III study report addendums online.

No members of the public wished to address the Task Force on this item.

5. Presentation and discussion on the Community Development capital needs –
Staff

Tim Conner stated that staff recognized that the \$27 million of Bond 2000 funding would not be enough to fully enhance the 24 miles of Scottsdale Road. The City attempted to leverage its funding by piggybacking onto private development projects and obtaining grants from other levels of government. He outlined how the City has to date spent \$15.2 million of the funding from Bond 2000.

Tim Conner explained that some Bond 2000 projects have been delayed because the City was unable to procure State land and to get Phoenix to partner with them on roadway projects. These have been restructured and form the current proposals.

In downtown Scottsdale, the southeast corner of Camelback and Scottsdale Road needs to be reconfigured for safe pedestrian access to the waterfront, as there is no sidewalk. The estimated cost is \$600,000.

In consultation with APS about undergrounding power lines, APS suggested the area from Shea to Mercer, which could be done for about \$800,000.

At Thompson Peak north of Pinnacle Peak, the City wanted to widen the road. However Phoenix is not participating and the State Land Trust will not participate unless Phoenix does. The City is planning for the future and has an agreement with a developer that Scottsdale will provide a bridge over Rawhide Wash so that the area can be developed commercially. Bond 2000 funds will be used to run power lines under that bridge. In the future when the road is widened the power lines can then be undergrounded.

Jesus Murillo explained that the northernmost six miles of Scottsdale Road from Happy Valley to Carefree Highway are designated as a scenic drive. The staff proposal is to spend \$9.5 million. The project would involve undergrounding the 12 Kv power lines, revegetation and concealing some of the mechanical equipment at intersections. Money would also be spent on enhancing some intersections to be closer to the City's design standards. The prime focus of this area is the natural desert environment. Staff hopes to purchase ten acres of State land to establish the Memory Park and set up the trailhead discussed earlier by Kroy Ekblaw. Jesus Murillo explained that if the City is not able to acquire the land, the funding will instead be spent on upgrades to the intersections.

Derek Earle clarified that the projects already completed were done with Bond 2000 funding. The \$9.5 million to improve the road from Happy Valley to Carefree Highway is in the remaining Bond 2000 monies.

Tim Conner presented the new proposals for the Bond Task Force to consider. Many of the proposals involve undergrounding power lines. Staff has met with APS representatives. A major concept in the 2008 streetscape design guidelines was that the City should attempt to underground all overhead utilities along the scenic corridor. This will entail a new street lighting system since many street lights are mounted on the existing power poles.

The first area to be tackled would be in the Airpark area from Thunderbird to Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. This project is estimated at \$14 million.

Noting that the west side of Scottsdale Road is, in fact, in Phoenix in this area, Vice Chair Frost asked if just the east side would be streetscaped. Tim Conner said the right of way belongs to Scottsdale so street lighting could be done on both sides of the road. The power lines are all on the east side of the road.

In the next subsequent bond issuance, staff proposes undergrounding the power lines in the resort segment of Scottsdale Road, from Chaparral to Doubletree. The estimated cost would be approximately \$24 million.

For a bond issuance around 2019, staff proposes undergrounding the power lines from Doubletree to Thunderbird and replacing the street lighting system. This 2.5 mile stretch is estimated to cost about \$17.8 million.

Tim Conner noted that south of Chaparral, the undergrounding has already been done. The streetscape enhancement project from Earll to Chaparral is tentatively scheduled for 2019. Old Town might be left out of this project. The pedestrian zones would be expanded using universal design principles for ease of movement. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$15 million.

Finally for the Rawhide transition area from Thompson Peak Parkway to Pinnacle Peak, the cost of undergrounding power lines and installing street lights is estimated at \$11.5 million. There are so many unknowns because both Phoenix and the State Land Trust have to be involved that no timing has been attached to the project.

Tim Conner summarized that the improvements to Scottsdale Road are legacy projects that have to be phased. He clarified that for Bond 2013 staff is proposing \$14 million for the Airpark area.

A Task Force Member asked how the priorities were set and suggested that the downtown improvements should have a more urgent priority. Bill Peifer said the challenges downtown involve land ownership as well as design. Many businesses own the sidewalk in front of their property as well as the on street parking. Other areas such as the Airpark can be accomplished much more easily. The Task Force Member argued that in ten or 15 years' time this matter will be just as contentious. Tim Conner said the downtown project could be moved up but it will be very difficult to accomplish. Derek Earle said staff would want to do public outreach in advance of putting it on a bond program.

Another Task Force Member asked whether APS or SRP would help with the expense of undergrounding the power lines, which is a benefit to them. Tim Conner confirmed that the utility companies argue that this is a question of esthetics and is up to the City. Bill Peifer explained that APS will give the City a credit whenever power poles were in need of replacement. The regulations of the Utilities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission restrict their actions to some extent. Tim Conner added that APS is requesting adding an extra circuit in the Airpark area to facilitate future economic growth, which could then be installed underground.

Wayne Ecton recalled that as a Council Member he had recommended ten years ago that the City start setting money aside for undergrounding power lines. At the time, the estimated cost was \$1.5 million per mile for the low voltage lines. He is firmly in favor of undergrounding lines which protects the power supply in case of disaster.

Vice Chair Frost called for public comment.

Bob Cappel, Vice President of the Greater Pinnacle Peak Association and its volunteer group, the Friends of Scenic Drive, said the Desert Foothills Scenic Drive is an important part of Scottsdale's cultural heritage. He described the work done by the Friends of Scenic Drive and expressed the Association's strong support for all the proposed enhancements to the roadway projects and the Preserve.

Vice Chair Frost thanked Bob Cappel for speaking and for the volunteer work done by the Friends of Scenic Drive.

Rob Millar presented the proposal for Phase 3 renovation of the Scottsdale Performing Arts Center. He noted that tourism and arts and culture are an essential part of Scottsdale's identity and pointed out that other Valley cities are using arts and culture to draw people into their downtown cores. To remain competitive they need to invest in this sector. Rob Millar reviewed the master plan for the Performing Arts Center. Some renovations were done in 2009. The current proposal is scaled back and estimated to cost \$4.3 million.

Cory Baker said the role of Scottsdale Cultural Council is to activate the City-owned properties by creating cultural programs and events for the community and visitors. Working with staff they have identified three areas of focus.

The updates to the public spaces should be completed. The renovations have been on hiatus since 2009. The north and south entrance doors leak, are not energy efficient, and are in stark contrast to the rest of the renovated spaces. The building is 37 years old and these updates are crucial. Completing the renovations will result in increased attendance and a more competitive venue in a crowded marketplace.

Cory Baker noted that Stage 2, where the meeting was taking place, is in urgent need of updates. She outlined the proposal to move the retail space and create a more flexible use of their space.

She recalled that last year the Cultural Council had proposed moving the Center's main entrance to Second Street but feedback from the public has caused them to rethink this approach. The Cultural Council is committed to cultivating the Civic Center Mall into a vibrant destination district over the long term. Working with nearby businesses they hope to create a brand that enhances the activity, visibility and attendance on the Mall. The public has expressed the need for a downtown space that can serve as a community center and host events, festivals and gatherings. The Mall is the ideal location for such a development.

The Cultural Center proposes revamping the north side of the building to include a flexible performance space opening into the park. Currently it is hard to send tourists into the Mall because there is not consistent activity happening every weekend.

CORY BAKER summarized that completing these three projects through Bond funding would enable the Center to achieve its immediate goals of enhancing programming and educational offerings, providing more access and amenities for the community, increasing traffic and encouraging the development of the Civic Center Mall into a destination district. Completion of this project will put them in a strong position to tackle their goals. In the near term they will support the City in the master planning process for the Civic Center Mall, it will help to build and support a coalition of Mall stakeholders, downtown businesses and the tourism

community to activate the Mall as a high activity attractive destination district competitive with other cities. In the long term they will continue to explore opportunities for cultural facilities and programming outside of the downtown campus that will enrich the lives of citizens and continue to position Scottsdale as an internationally acclaimed arts destination.

A Task Force Member said the revised plan for the main entrance is an improvement. Cory Baker explained the proposal to relocate the gift shop and develop flexible programming space in greater detail.

Tom Frankel, who owns several businesses on the Mall, said the concept of relocating the gift shop is a wonderful option.

6. Presentation and discussion of the request for public project responses via Speak Up Scottsdale – *Staff*

Erin Walsh introduced Thyra Ryden-Diaz, a project manager in the Capital Projects Management Division, who reviewed the eight projects suggested by residents. She noted that using social media via Speak Up Scottsdale was a new experience.

For the Hayden Road proposal, staff indicated that further studies would have to be done. Sound walls were suggested on both sides of Hayden Road but this is not something typically done by the City unless a road is widened and traffic volumes increase significantly.

Pickleball courts could be added to any future parks or park reconstruction if this is of interest to the community. At present no new parks or remodeling projects are in the works.

A Task Force Member asked for a cost estimate for a pickleball court. Tim Barnard pointed out that parking and noise may become issues so it is important to find a suitable location. A traditional tennis court with an asphalt surface costs between \$30,000 and \$50,000. With a post tension concrete base the cost is \$60,000 to \$75,000. Pickleball would not be compatible with the City's two existing tennis centers. There are tennis courts in some neighborhood parks but these lack parking and restroom facilities. Pickleball is noisier than tennis because the ball is harder and players use wooden paddles. Thyra Ryden-Diaz commented that one benefit of asking the public for input is that now more people are aware of this new sport.

A resident suggested finishing a 300-foot segment of Indian School Road west of Pima Road. Thyra Ryden-Diaz explained that this was left unfinished during the Indian School Road in anticipation of major reconstruction of that intersection. This project is in the current CIP but there is no schedule for design and construction.

Thyra Ryden-Diaz said that Transportation staff contacted the citizen who suggested a roundabout on Indian Bend and were able to work almost immediately to modify the road signage and striping. She feels this is a positive result of the process.

The proposal to establish a Smithsonian Institution annex parallels the proposed downtown Museum of the West.

A suggestion was made to connect Scottsdale Community College to the campus of Arizona State University. However an existing multi-use path on the west side of Pima Road from Chaparral connects to the ASU campus. The east side of Pima Road to SCC is part of the Pima-Maricopa Salt River Indian Community. Any additional connections would have to be coordinated with that community.

The prospective Western bird sanctuary overlaps with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve which currently contains over 21,000 acres of desert providing habitat for native bird species. Since the Preserve is intended to remain in its natural state it would not be an appropriate area to introduce ponds or marshes. Alternative bird sanctuary habitats are provided by areas in the parks along Indian Bend Wash and along the Verde and Salt Rivers.

The proposed Scottsdale Rose Garden: Scottsdale has two existing rose gardens, one in the Civic Center Mall and the other at Loloma School.

Vice Chair Frost asked whether this feedback has been provided to the residents who made these suggestions. Erin Walsh said she and Thyra Ryden-Diaz will respond personally to each of the citizens.

No members of the public wished to address the Task Force on this item.

7. Presentation and discussion on future year projects – *Staff*

Dave Lipinski reviewed future year projects that Task Force Members had expressed specific interest in.

- **Master Plan for the Civic Center Mall**
- **Pinnacle Peak Road from Miller Road to Pima Road**
A Task Force Member commented that although volume of traffic here is not a problem, there is no sidewalk and traffic travels too fast for the pedestrians using the various businesses and the library. Dave Meinhart said staff is looking at some intersection improvements that would not need bond funding.
- **Thompson Peak Parkway and Legacy Boulevard bridges over the Reata Wash**
Vice Chair Frost commented that there are not bike lanes on both sides of the road and it is hazardous for cyclists. Transit and Transportation Planning Director Dave Meinhart said staff is working

on a temporary solution by modifying the approaches to the existing Thompson Peak bridge. DC Ranch residents have a strong interest in moving at least one of the bridge projects forward, preferably the Thompson Peak bridge. Dave Meinhart said in this part of the city traffic has not increased at the rate that had previously been predicted. In fact, Pinnacle Peak Road had traffic volumes approaching 20,000 vehicles per day. Early this year the volume had decreased to 12,000 vehicles per day. However the City did make a commitment to build the bridges, and the area is very popular with cyclists and hikers. Dave Meinhart added that staff will be working with the Transportation Commission to do public outreach and update the Transportation Master Plan next year.

- 15 lighted tennis courts near Copper Ridge Elementary School
Vice Chair Frost remarked that this project had been in the Bond 2000 program and the funding was moved because of cost overruns in other areas.
- Digitize and archive development documents
- Police training facility
- Purchase land for far north police facility
- Replacement of Fire Station 603
Dave Lipinski elaborated that the Fire Department's original proposal for the Bond 2013 package included \$3.3 million for this project but the proposal has now been revamped. They now propose to take \$1 million of bond funding to upgrade several existing fire stations to be in compliance with applicable legislation.
- Renovate City fountains
- McDowell Road storm drain improvements
- Camelback Road storm drain improvements
- Enhance pedestrian access and provide ADA compliant sidewalks to the intersection of 68th Street and Thomas
- Bus stop improvements
- Install crosswalks at the intersection of Hayden and McDowell

Erin Walsh asked the Task Force to identify any of the future year projects just described that Task Force Members would like to rank for possible inclusion in their recommendations. These projects were pulled from the B and C lists.

Vice Chair Frost invited public comment on the future year projects.

Tom Frankel urged that the Civic Center Mall Master Plan be undertaken without delay in order to make full use of this underused area, especially given the proposal to enhance the Center for the Performing Arts

Bill Peifer said there is a proposal to fund the Civic Center Mall Master Plan through the Tourism Development Commission. The west end of the area has a master plan completed about four years ago cost approximately \$4.6 million. He estimated it will take two and a half to three years to

complete the Civic Center Mall Master Plan. Derek Earle pointed out that significant public outreach would be needed.

Tom Frankel said that the linkage from Brown Avenue into the Civic Center Mall is important and has been considered for years. If the Task Force felt that this is a viable item to consider they could maybe consider recommending this so that some progress could be made pending the master plan.

Several Task Force members agreed that they had been interested in this proposal when it was made. Derek Earle said there is considerable interest in this \$4.6 million project from the business community, the Task Force and some Council Members. The Task Force might recommend the west entry to the Mall as a project. In his opinion this is the only project related to the Mall that is developed enough to be a viable Bond 2013 project. This could be added into the list of projects to be ranked.

Diana Smith expressed concern about the deteriorating Mall infrastructure which looks shabby and potentially exposes the City to liability.

Vice Chair Frost inquired how maintenance for the Mall is funded. Derek Earle said there are multiple sources including the Parks and Recreation Department, and Facilities. Operation and maintenance is not a capital expense and has suffered during the economic downturn. He stated that the Bond Task Force does have some leeway to recommend that funds be set aside towards maintenance and operations, although the focus of the Task Force is for projects. However this has not been done in the past.

Tom Frankel said that the area from Brown Avenue that is the subject of the entryway proposal is the most deteriorated area of the entire Mall.

Erin Walsh reiterated that consideration of the list of future year projects does not commit the Task Force to recommending them; this is just to rank them along with the other projects that have been presented to the Task Force.

After discussion the Task Force members agreed to consider the following future year projects to be ranked:

- Renovation of west entryway to Civic Center Mall, \$4.6 million
- Thompson Peak Parkway Bridge over Reata Wash (staff to provide a cost estimate to the Task Force for ranking purposes)
- Police Training Facility
- Purchase land for the north police facility
- Renovate City fountains
- McDowell Road storm drain improvements
- Camelback Road storm drain improvements

A Task Force member asked why the Airport Enterprise Fund would not fund the replacement of the Airport fire truck. Bill Peifer said that staff is looking into this.

The Task Force member inquired about the safety upgrades for the City's 151 bridges. Staff explained that this is included in the Public Works projects.

8. Introduction of Project Ranking Process - *Staff*

Erin Walsh noted that this concludes all staff presentations to be made to the Task Force. She reminded the Task Force that tonight they will be asked to rank the projects before Thanksgiving so that on November 28 they will be able to review the tabulated results.

The 13 projects reviewed for consideration have a total estimated cost of \$146.7 million. The Task Force just agreed to rank an additional seven projects. There are an additional 31 projects totaling \$158.1 million which are part of the revised 2012 program approved earlier in the process. The target bond amount the Task Force has approved is between \$200 million and \$250 million.

The process to be followed is very similar to what was done last year. When ranking, each member will consider each and every project on its own merits. At the next meeting they will decide whether to include each project in the 2013 program or to defer it. Projects will then be grouped.

The final step will be to prioritize the projects selected to be in the 2013 program. When City Council is evaluating the recommendations it will be clear which projects the Task Force considered as most important.

Task Force members commented that this process is slightly different than last year. Erin Walsh explained the change was made because the schedule is more compressed this year and the groups already exist from the Bond 2012 program. A Task Force member noted that they have already made a decision on many projects that they should be of the bond program. Erin Walsh clarified that at this point they are only reranking the 13 new projects and the additional projects they just reviewed. The same ranking scale is being used as last year.

Task Force members are to return their rankings to staff by November 19. The tabulated rankings will be presented at the November 28 meeting. The rankings of the new projects will be compared with the rankings of the proposed 2012 Bond Program and the deferred projects. One project has changed so significantly since it was ranked by the Bond 2012 Task Force that following a presentation tonight, the Task Force members are asked to rerank it. On November 28 staff will review the Bond 2012 Program.

On December 11 staff will conduct the project evaluation exercise for the new projects. The project prioritization process will be introduced. In January the prioritization process will be finalized and the final recommendation to City Council will be prepared.

Erin Walsh said staff will forward information on the storm water projects in particular before asking the Task Force to do the ranking. The ranking document will be on a spreadsheet emailed to the members.

9. Presentation and discussion of the changes to projects within the proposed bond 2012 program - Staff

Bill Murphy presented the changes to the Civic Center Library project. He described the renovations which were completed in the summer using Bond 2000 funding. The scope of Phase II of this project has changed from what was proposed in last year's presentation. The technology upgrade estimate has changed from \$2.3 million to now \$1.4 million to replace security and inventory management hardware. The Discovery Zone is estimated at \$1.8 million. This is a state of the art early literacy program, a space where children will be able to meet 21st Century digital literacy skills for contact and creative collaboration. The space proposed for the zone has not been renovated since 1993.

Bill Murphy provided statistics on library use by children and area demographics. The Library is working closely with the Scottsdale Unified School District to encourage library use and measure how participation in the Library's summer reading program affects test scores. The Friends of the Library is pursuing fundraising for this project.

The lower level auditorium was last renovated in 1993. This project is estimated at \$1.9 million for electrical upgrades, ADA compliance, enhanced access, replaced carpeting and seating. The auditorium generates some revenue, and potentially could generate more after the upgrade.

Bill Murphy summarized that the current proposal is for technology, the Discovery Zone, and the lower level auditorium. The total cost for these three aspects is \$5.1 million. The public art component of one percent is built into this budget.

A Task Force Member inquired about increases in usage of the children's library since 1993. Library Director Carol Damaso said that the Civic Center Library serves seven Title One schools. They want to service the digital divide. Today's children are eager to create their own content. The focus in early literacy today is to show parents how to nurture literacy in the home.

The Discovery Zone is intended for children from birth to age 12. They hope to create maker spaces where children will be able to use the new 3-D printers. Collaborative stations will help children learn to write collectively.

Music production and film making will be included. This is a whole new vision of the library. Carol Damaso said the Library will partner carefully with the SUSD. Library staff are watching children's library trends around the country. The goal is for the Discovery Zone to become the model space. They are working with ASU professors and small entrepreneurial companies at SkySong.

Carol Damaso said children's library usage is up because there is an emphasis on working with parents. Library staff are doing early literacy outreach.

Bill Murphy said the Library proposal is the most important project submitted from Community Services.

Vice Chair Frost invited public comment.

Martha Ecton said having attended Library Board meetings she knows that the Library staff always tries to solve its own problems, fund raising with the sale of used books and the coffee shop rather than asking taxpayers to foot the bill. Now that technology has become so expensive she urged that it is time to invest in the Library.

Doug Sydnor, Chair of the Scottsdale Library Board, said the Library Board strongly supports this proposal. The Discovery Zone is particularly important.

10. Update, discussion and possible action on the status of the Bond Task Force Work Plan – City Staff

Erin Walsh reminded them that the next meeting is on November 28. The following meeting is on December 11. Basically at the end of the December meeting, the Bond 2013 program will be ready to take forward. In January they will prioritize the projects and finalize the recommendations.

Public Comment

Vice Chair Frost invited public comment on non agendized items.

No members of the public wished to address the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.